

In 1967, Miss Dunham joined the faculty of Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, to create a performing arts training center and dance anthropology program. In 1969, Miss Dunham created the Katherine Dunham Center for the Arts and Humanities, a community-based arts education program in East St. Louis. The center provided East St. Louis residents with the opportunity to witness and participate in fine, performing, and cultural arts.

Further, The Katherine Dunham Dynamic Museum is also located at Southern University in St. Louis. This landmark building appears on the Illinois Historic Register, and houses Miss Dunham's superb collection of African, West African, and South American art. It is also located in the Pennsylvania Avenue Historic District which is registered with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The museum houses an outstanding collection of symbolic and functional art, including more than 250 African and Caribbean art objects from more than 50 countries. Tapestries, paintings, sculpture, musical instruments and ceremonial costumes from these and other areas of the world celebrate the human spirit. The museum also displays costumes, photographs, programs, letters, awards and mementos from Miss Dunham's career as a dancer, choreographer, teacher, writer and dance company owner.

Additional accolades attributed to Ms. Dunham include advisor on the First World Festival of Negro Arts, which was the subject of a television special entitled, "Divine Drumbeats: Katherine Dunham and Her People." In addition, she received the Kennedy Center Honors Award in 1983, and has been inducted into the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame. Dunham has also been given a star on the St. Louis Walk of Fame for the field of Acting and Entertainment.

On January 7th, when the 108th Congress convenes, I will introduce this letter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, adding this commendation to the tidal wave of many others. Thank you Katherine Dunham for your wonderful and marvelous contributions to the world.

#### COMMEMORATING THE PROSPECT HILL FLAG RAISING

#### HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2003*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a moment of tremendous historical significance to our great country. January 1, 2003, marks the 227th anniversary of the raising on Prospect Hill, Somerville (then in Charlestown) the first flag of the United American Colonies. It is also the 100th anniversary of the building of the monument on Prospect Hill to recognize this event.

On January 1, 1776, General George Washington authorized that the Grand Union Flag be flown to celebrate the formation of the Continental Army. Thus, the Grand Union Flag, also known as the Great Union Flag, the Continental Union Flag and the Congress Flag, was raised at the fort sited on Prospect Hill. The brigade of Continental troops commanded by the legendary General Nathaniel Greene stationed at Prospect Hill produced a rousing

cry and fired a salute of thirteen guns as the flag proudly flew on that cold winter's morning. Washington himself fondly recalled the scene, writing in a letter to his friend Colonel Joseph Reed, "we hoisted the Union Flag in compliment to the United Colonies."

Our first flag itself bears only a similarity to our current flag, although, surprisingly, it bears a strong resemblance to the flag flown during the 18th century by the East India Company. The Grand Union Flag was an alteration of the British meteor flag. It featured thirteen alternating red and white stripes to signify the thirteen American colonies. A contemporary British Union flag—the red cross of St. George and the White cross of St. Andrew on a blue background—formed its canton. It was felt that this combination aptly reflected the unity the colonists felt in their struggle and the loyalty many still felt to England. While the Continental Congress never passed a resolution recognizing the Grand Union Flag as the official American flag, it was used until mid-1777 by the Continental Army and is considered the first flag of the United States. I am proud that it was first raised on Prospect Hill, Somerville, in what is now the 8th Congressional District of Massachusetts.

#### COMMENDING TWO NEWLY NAMED RHODES SCHOLARS FROM KANSAS

#### HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 7, 2003*

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that two Rhodes Scholars from Kansas were named last week. I include in the Record for the House's review a wire story from the Associated Press concerning these two exemplary young Kansans, Robert Chamberlain of Topeka, and Ben Champion of Olathe, but particularly want to take note of Ben Champion, a constituent who interned in my Overland Park and Washington, D.C., congressional offices last summer. I also include a recent story from The Olathe News concerning Ben.

Ben Champion, who is hoping to pursue a career in politics and public policy, is majoring in chemistry, natural resources and environmental sciences at Kansas State University. His goal is to bridge the gap between the sciences and the political arena by first specializing in the sciences, especially chemistry, and subsequently by working in the policy arena to develop and implement sound environmental policy. My constituents in Kansas' Third District were fortunate to have him serving them in their congressional offices last summer, and I join with our staff in congratulating Ben and wishing him well on this exciting new challenge.

#### KANSAS STUDENT NAMED RHODES SCHOLAR

(By The Associated Press)

Two young men from Kansas, one a University of Kansas graduate now in the Army, and the other a senior at Kansas State University, were named Saturday as Rhodes Scholars for 2003.

They are Robert M. Chamberlain of Topeka, who earned a political science degree from Kansas in May, and Ben Champion of Olathe, who is majoring in chemistry, natural resources and environmental sciences at Kansas State.

The prestigious scholarships provide more than \$50,000 for two years of graduate study at Oxford University in England. They were established in 1903 by British philanthropist Cecil Rhodes, and 32 scholarships are awarded every year to students from the United States.

Chamberlain, a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, is a field artillery officer with the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Sill, Okla., until April 2003, when he transfers to Fort Campbell, Ky.

A finalist for the scholarship a year ago, he is the son of Michael and Judy Chamberlain of Topeka and a graduate of Washburn Rural High School. He plans a public service career in international law.

Chamberlain said his selection for the scholarship was "still sinking in."

"It's such an honor to be selected from such an outstanding group of people," he said.

Chamberlain is the 24th University of Kansas student, and the first since 1994, to win a Rhodes scholarship. Kansas State has had seven Rhodes scholars since 1986.

Champion is a 1998 graduate of Olathe South High School. He is the son of Mike and Paula Champion of Olathe.

[From the Olathe News]

SOUTH GRAD IS RHODES SCHOLAR

(By Kevin Selders)

Ben Champion, a 1998 graduate of Olathe South High School, discovered something Saturday that changed his life.

Champion, who is graduating Saturday from Kansas State University with a degree in chemistry and environmental science, has been chosen as a Rhodes Scholar. He is one of two recipients from Kansas of the two-year, \$50,000 scholarship to University of Oxford in England. "I really don't know what to think about it yet," he said. "It's still sinking in." The Rhodes Scholarships, the oldest international fellowships, were initiated in 1902 after the death of Cecil Rhodes. They allow students from many countries around the world to attend the University of Oxford.

American Rhodes Scholars are selected through a decentralized process by which regional selection committees choose 32 scholars each year from among those nominated by selection committees in each state. Applicants from more than 300 American colleges and universities have been selected as Rhodes Scholars.

The other recipient from Kansas, Robert Chamberlain of Topeka, earned a political science degree from the University of Kansas in May, and is now a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Scholarships also were awarded to students from other countries, bringing the total number of scholarships awarded this year to about 95.

Champion, who plans to study renewable energy technologies at Oxford, said he's excited about attending the university, which is known for having the largest chemistry department in the world. "I'm really looking forward to studying at Oxford," he said. "It's going to be a good fit for me." He said that after his time at Oxford, he'd like to conduct research and get into the political process and advise on environmental policy issues.

Rhodes Scholars are selected for two years of study at Oxford, with the possibility of renewal for a third year. All educational costs, such as enrollment, tuition, laboratory and other fees, are paid on the scholar's behalf by the Rhodes Trustees.

Each scholar also receives an allowance adequate to meet necessary expenses for term-time and vacations. The Rhodes Trustees cover the costs of travel to and from Oxford, and upon application, may approve additional grants for research purposes or study-related travel.